

Milford Fire Department 2013 Annual Report

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Chief of Department

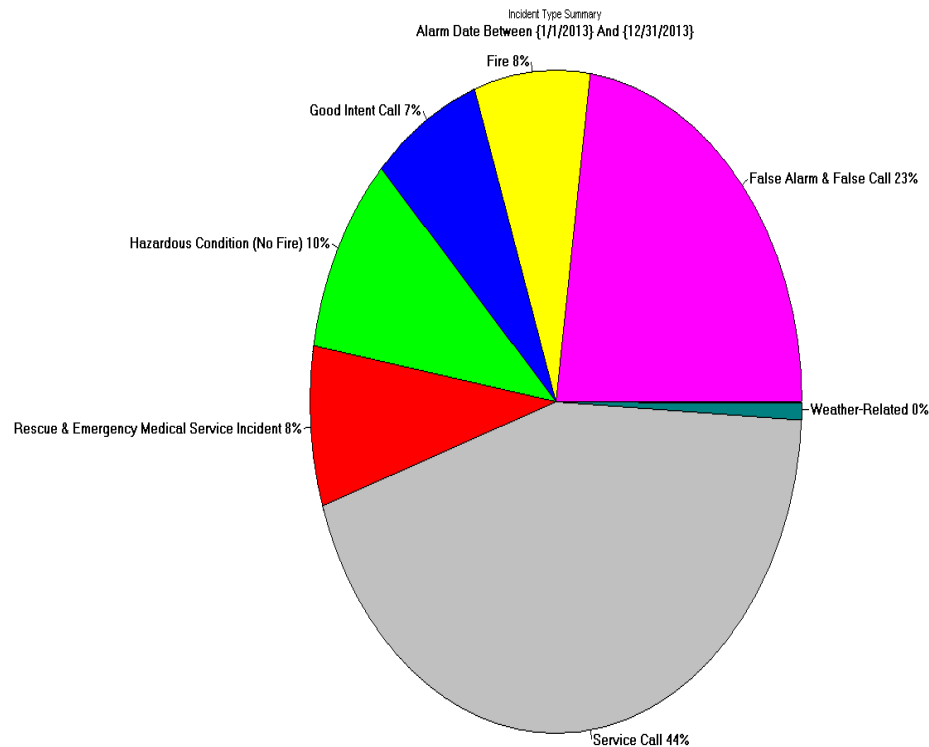
It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief and lead the fifty two dedicated members of your Fire Department, where we truly embrace our motto, "Serving our community with Pride". This report highlights the department's activity for 2013.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW:

The Milford Fire Department is a combination department consisting of a full time chief, training officer, fire prevention officer, administrative assistant and forty eight call firefighters. The department is housed out of one station utilizing four engines, one ladder truck, one heavy rescue, one forestry, a boat, 3 support vehicles and a special operations trailer.

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

The Milford Fire department responded to 1023 calls for assistance in 2013, which represents an increase of 89 calls over 2012. The members of the department provided more than 11,952 hours of service to the community and its neighbors through emergency response, training and assistance.

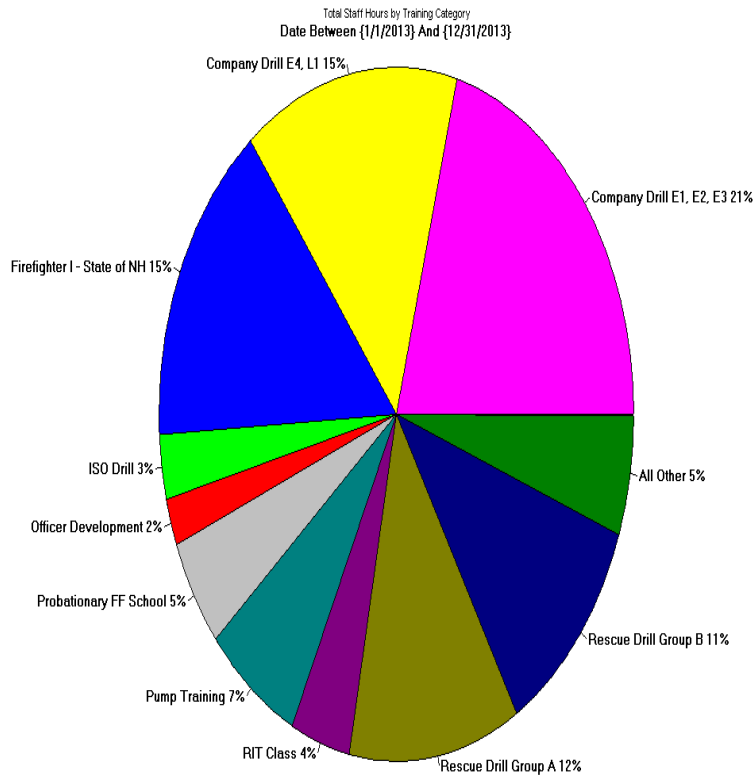


TRAINING:

The Milford Fire Department Bureau of Training is responsible for developing and implementing training programs for its members, tracking continuing education and ensuring our firefighters are on the leading edge of new training and education. In 2013 department members participated in over 4,983 hours of training both in house and at the NH Fire Academy.

Most notably in 2013 members completed the following training:

- 3 members certified Firefighter I (46 members certified)
- 6 members recertified as EMT's (16 members certified)
- 2 members with advanced driver training for emergency vehicles
- 2 members pump trained (21 Members certified)
- 4 members came off of probationary status
- 2 Members attended Primex Supervisors Academy
- 7 members Rapid Intervention Team Certified (47 members certified)
- 1 member enrolled in EMT class.



FIRE PREVENTION:

The Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation is responsible for administration and enforcement of the State Fire Code, fire investigation and public education as part of our overall community risk reduction efforts. In 2013 the bureau conducted 609 inspections, plan review, educational and inspectional activities in addition to issuing over 418 alarm permits and 785 outdoor burning permits.

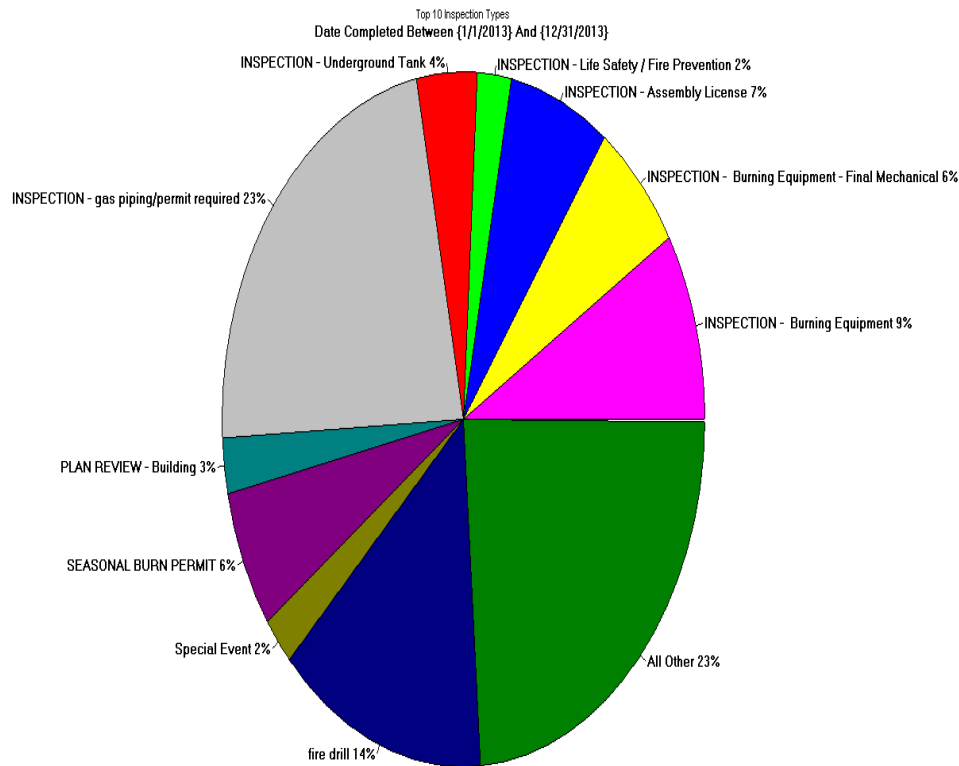
In addition the Bureau conducted the following activities:

30 car seat inspections

12 station tours

103 fire and lockdown drills

4 CPR certification classes



ADMINISTRATION:

2013 was a very productive year with many new accomplishments within the department. In April we saw the delivery of our new Engine 4. The new engine is equipped with a 2000 gallon a minute pump, 2000 feet of supply line and 1670 gallons of water. With the addition of the new engine we held a multi- agency drill in an effort to further improve the towns Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. This rating is then used by most U.S. insurance companies to determine what home and business owners pay for insurance on their respective property. The drill involved 8 surrounding fire departments and was a success. As a direct result of that drill, a new engine and the hard work of your Milford Fire Department we have now improved our rating from an 8B/4 to a 4/3. This new rating will result in lower insurance costs to those living in none hydrant areas.

We also saw the delivery of our new utility truck. The truck is equipped with a plow, compartments for inspectional equipment, evidence collect, fire investigation and emergency response equipment.

This past year we saw the retirement of two of our long serving members. Jim Wetherbee (30 years of service) and Ray Reindeau (15 Years of service). We owe both members a debt of gratitude for 45 years of combined service to the citizens of Milford and the surrounding communities.

In 2013 The Milford Fire Dept. and Hampshire Hills teamed up for a six month strength and conditioning program. Several members of the Department participated and improved themselves which resulted in a healthier Department.

In closing I would like to thank both our citizens and business community for their continued support of our department. Without it we would not be able to provide the quality of service you have come to expect from your department. In addition, I would also like to thank the men and women that make up your Fire Department. Your commitment to the community, its citizens and those of the surrounding communities help bring a source of pride and spirit to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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